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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Stig Steen

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Examiner: Afremova

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For: Improved Preservation Solution

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

The response to the Office Action of July 3, 2002 is being filed with a petition for a two month extension of time by the extended due date of December 3, 2002. Applicants request amendment of the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 5, 26, and 31-34 as shown by the enclosed marked up version of the claims.

Applicants have enclosed a marked up version of the amended claims for the Examiner's review.

No claim fees are believed to be due as a result of this amendment.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Claims 2-4, and 8-23 have been withdrawn from the application. Claims 1, 5-7, and 24-34 have been rejected by the Examiner. Applicants request reconsideration of the July 3, 2002 Office Action based upon the following comments.